



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 17, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Across the Nation, we have continued to make great progress in diagnosing and treating breast cancer. In the last two decades, the number of deaths from breast cancer in California has declined by more than 20 percent. This is attributed to earlier detection through screening, increased awareness and improved treatment.

“Even as death rates are falling, breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women. White women have the highest incidence rate but African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer than are women of any other racial or ethnic group.

“Nationwide, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lifetime. In Los Angeles County, nearly 7,000 women will be diagnosed in 2006 and approximately 1,000 will die.

“When the cancer is confined to the breast, the five-year survival rate for women is over 95 percent. Since there are often no symptoms present in the beginning stages of breast cancer, early detection through clinical breast exams and regular mammograms are essential. Free or low-cost mammograms are available to low-income women who call the County Office of Women’s Health multilingual hotline. The number is 1-800-793-8090.

“During this month, we would like to acknowledge the courageous survivors and women currently struggling with the disease, and also the dedicated providers and researchers working to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease through prevention, early detection, and scientific research.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board, in honor of October 2006 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," took the following actions:

1. Called upon government officials, businesses, communities, healthcare professionals, educators, and all the people throughout Los Angeles County to continue the County's strong commitment to detecting and curing breast cancer, and to raise awareness of breast cancer by talking with family members and friends about the importance of screening and early detection, and by educating ourselves and working together, to improve the ability to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately cure breast cancer; and
2. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health to provide "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" information on the October 30, 2006 paychecks of all County employees.

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